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UZBEK PETROLEUM INDUSTRY GETS NEW MACHINERY;
KIRGIZ OUTPUT LAGS

UZBEK OIL WORKERS REPORT NEW TECHNIQUES -- Pravda Vostoka, No 36,
22 Feb 49

Workers in the Andizhan oil fields of "Sredazneft," (Central Asia Petroleum) have introduced several new techniques to increase production. The old "fish tail" ("rybii khvost") chisels have been replaced by new cutting chisels. New mud pumps have been installed, and measuring instruments are used. Electric drive is used in drilling operations, and in the near future turbine drilling will be introduced.

The substitution of movable drilling machines for stationary ones has decreased the time needed to assemble a drilling unit from 2-3 weeks to 2-3 days. The movable drilling units are equipped with motors, hoists, pumps, and derricks, and are drawn by tractors. A type of rocking device (stanok-kachalka) has been put into operation which enables a subsurface pump to be withdrawn from a shaft for repairs without removing any pipe. To clean paraffin from pipes and ducts a movable steam apparatus with a continuously operating coil boiler is used. Instruments used include a dynamograph and a sounding device (skholot).

ANDIZHAN FIELD MEETS FEBRUARY PLAN -- Stalinskoye Znanya, No 41, 1 Mar 49

Workers at the "Yuzhnyy Alakayshik" Oil Field Andizhan Oblast, completed the February plan and produced one trainload of petrolsum above the plan by 28 February. The additional trainload has left Grunch-Mazar Station for Gur'yev.

KIRGIZ OIL INDUSTRY LAGS -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 27, 11 Feb 49

The Kirgiz SSR petroleum industry is not fulfilling the Five-Year Plan. The "Changyrtash" Petroleum Well should be better developed and a new well should be constructed at the Mayli-Su local deposit.

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PETROLEUM TRUST COMPLETES QUARTER PLAN -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 63,
1 Apr 49

Petroleum workers of "Artesneft'" (Artem Island Petroleum) Trust (Azerbaydzhani SSR) extracted the last tons of petroleum on the 1949 first-quarter quota on 31 March. Expert exploitation of reserves and good organization of work helped them to achieve this goal. Ten additional wells have recently been put into operation by the Trust.

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